

1 Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-19) for prosecution on the  
2 merits.

3 Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed  
4 to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

5 The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time  
6 during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 Dated: November 2, 2000

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